

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: DIVER1280-14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

William Michael Lafferty

Art Unit:

1634

Application No.:

09/894,956

Examiner:

B. J. Forman

Filed:

June 27, 2001

Confirmation No.:

7268

Title:

CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response from January 20, 2004 to April 20, 2004.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, April 19, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Gregory P. Austin
(Name of Person Mailing Paper)

April 19, 2004
(Signature)

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Applicant claims **SMALL ENTITY status** in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status in not required.

Enclosed is Check No. 557862 in the amount of \$640.00; which consists of \$165.00 in payment of the appeal fee and \$475.00 in payment of the three (3) month extension of time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 19, 2004

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